

In response to your letter dated July 28, 2006 please note that the Committee has filed an amended report today.

We have corrected primary and general election designations originally reported incorrectly on schedule B supporting line 23.

We have sent a letter and invoice to Porter for Congress for the two \$98 in-kinds that had been reported for the general election prior to the primary. These in-kind donations should have been invoiced since the service provided could provide support to both the general election and the primary election. A copy of the letter and invoice has been sent to your attention.

You have asked for clarification regarding the Committee's actions related to independent expenditures and coordinated expenditures to the same federal candidate. The Committee has taken every necessary step to ensure that independent expenditures are made without any coordination or communication with the campaign(s). The Committee has established a separate division to handle independent expenditures. This division is made of staff who have no contact with campaigns and who are not housed in the Committee headquarters. This staff has its own data and makes all decisions outside of the Committee structure. Since the Supreme Court has ruled that it is permissible for a committee to make both independent and coordinated expenditures to the same campaigns, and since the Committee has followed a strict guideline established by legal counsel to ensure that all independent expenditures are in fact independent of the campaigns and their agents, the expenditures in support of Brian Bilbray are correct as reported.

Please contact me with any further questions. Thank you.
